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CONYERS CALLS OVERTURNED RULING IN LOUIMA CASE AN INSULT TO THE MINORITY COMMUNITY

Today, Congressman John Conyers, Jr., Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Committee issued the following statement in response to today's ruling by the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals regarding the overturned convictions in the Abner Louima torture case:

"I am shocked and saddened that the Appeals Court could reach such a startling conclusion. The decision is nothing less than an insult to the minority community, which so often receives a blind eye from our justice system. I call on Attorney General Ashcroft to immediately announce that the full strength of the Justice Department will be brought to bear in retrying this case and seeking justice for Mr. Louima and his family."

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